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MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

FROM THE MANAGER



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As I type this, I just walked in to the office hearing thunder, and rain is coming down. June gloom at its best – bring on July!

In this month's article, I wanted to take a moment to speak to my relationship with the Long Beach Marina Boat Owner's Association, commonly known as BOA. BOA was formed many decades ago, in an effort to utilize a united voice to communicate with marina management and the City. During my 14 years in this position, I have dealt with five different BOA presidents, beginning with Robert Tumelty, through the current president, Andy Sienkiewich. In general, I have had a very good relationship with this organization, and in fact have sought the organization's input and support in developing the Marina Strategic Plan and Marina Slip Pricing Policy. In addition, the group has been a key stakeholder in the rebuild of the Downtown Marinas and the upcoming rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina.

In the BOA newsletter this month, I read with interest that BOA is facilitating a customer satisfaction survey, and I am certain that we will be presented with the findings. In that same issue, there are references that our customers need BOA to communicate with us. The reason for mentioning this is to underscore that we do value input from all of our stakeholder groups, including BOA, yacht clubs, and boating associations, but also to ensure

that you recognize you do not need to communicate through a group to communicate with us. We facilitate an annual telephonic survey through an independent company each year, and myself and my harbormasters are a phone call or an e-mail away. So please, feel free to provide us input through an organization of your choice, but also recognize that we are available to discuss issues on the phone, through a computer terminal or in person, should you desire.

To provide a brief update on the rebuild of ABM, we are continuing to move forward on a number of different fronts. The Environmental Impact Report is in the draft stages, and we are taking input on what individuals and agencies want to see in the EIR (part of the process). Once the draft EIR is available, I will make sure that you are noticed. We are continuing to evaluate options relating to the mercury issue in Basin 1, and are making inroads with the regulatory agencies regarding the level of eelgrass mitigation needed. Finally, we have developed some solutions to address the width of the marina channel between Basins 3 and 4, but recognize that it may not be enough to stop the opposition by rowing groups. This issue will be discussed at a public meeting, which I anticipate will be held in the latter part of July. I will make sure that I notify you when this meeting is set. If you have any questions at this point, please call or e-mail me.

As always, happy and healthy boating

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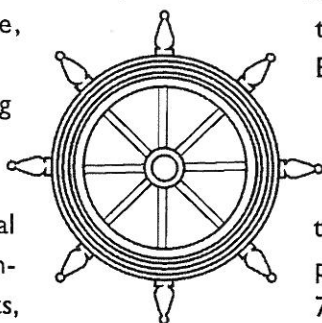
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BOATING SAFETY CLASS OFFERED

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 53, will be offering a one-day (8-hour) boating safety course. "About Boating Safely" on Saturday, August 8, 2009, starting at 9:00 a.m., at Cal-Aurum Industries, 15632 Container Lane, Huntington Beach, CA.

This 8-hour boating safety course will cover types of boats, required boat and personal equipment, safe boat handling, weather, tides, charts,



anchors, navigation aids and rules, radio, launching and recovering. There will be a review quiz, and a certificate of completion.

Full price for the course is \$40, which includes text book, tide tables, California Boating Regulations, and other miscellaneous handouts.

For further information and pre-registration please call Paul Busher, 714-840-0232.

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TIDE CHART FOR JULY 2009

		LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
		AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1.	W	12:33	0.7	11:08	2.1	6:40	3.1	6:01	5.6
2.	Th	1:32	0.2	12:06	2.4	8:02	3.2	6:46	5.7
3.	F	2:19	-0.2	12:58	2.6	9:00	3.4	7:27	5.8
4.	Sa	2:58	-0.4	1:43	2.6	9:42	3.5	8:05	5.9
5.	Su	3:33	-0.6	2:23	2.6	10:14	3.6	8:40	6.0
6.	Mo	4:05	-0.6	2:58	2.5	10:43	3.7	9:14	6.0
7.	Tu	4:35	-0.6	3:33	2.4	11:10	3.8	9:46	6.0
8.	W	5:04	-0.6	4:08	2.4	11:37	3.8	10:18	5.8
9.	Th	5:33	-0.4	4:45	2.4	12:06	3.9	10:50	5.6
10.	F	6:01	-0.2	5:26	2.4	12:36	4.0	11:23	5.2
11.	Sa	6:28	0.1	6:14	2.4	1:07	4.1	11:59	4.7
12.	Su	6:56	0.5	7:12	2.4	--	--	1:41	4.3
13.	M	7:24	0.9	8:28	2.3	12:41	4.1	2:17	4.5
14.	Tu	7:54	1.4	10:01	1.9	1:39	3.5	3:00	4.7
15.	W	8:31	1.9	11:32	1.3	3:14	2.9	3:50	5.0
16.	Th	9:26	2.3	--	--	5:31	2.7	4:47	5.4
17.	F	12:40	0.6	10:44	2.5	7:17	2.9	5:45	5.9
18.	Sa	1:33	-0.2	12:02	2.6	8:17	3.3	6:41	6.4
19.	Su	2:19	-0.8	1:08	2.4	8:59	3.6	7:35	6.8
20.	M	3:03	-1.3	2:05	2.2	9:37	3.9	8:25	7.2
21.	Tu	3:44	-1.6	2:58	1.9	10:14	4.2	9:14	7.3
22.	W	4:25	-1.6	3:51	1.6	10:52	4.5	10:02	7.1
23.	Th	5:04	-1.4	4:44	1.4	11:30	4.8	10:50	6.6
24.	F	5:43	-1.0	5:40	1.4	12:10	5.0	11:39	5.9
25.	Sa	6:21	-0.4	6:41	1.4	--	--	12:51	5.1
26.	Su	6:58	0.3	7:51	1.4	12:32	5.1	1:35	5.2
27.	M	7:36	1.1	9:15	1.4	2:55	3.3	3:20	5.2
28.	Tu	8:17	1.8	10:51	1.2	2:55	3.3	3:20	5.2
29.	W	9:08	2.4	--	--	5:01	2.9	4:23	5.2
30.	Th	12:17	0.8	10:28	2.8	7:13	3.1	5:28	5.3
31.	F	1:19	0.4	11:55	3.0	8:22	3.4	6:26	5.4

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Fourth of July Activities

The downtown area and the marinas will be impacted on the 4th of July and no guest parking passes will be issued, so please, plan ahead.

From 3 to 9:30 p.m., you're invited to the Marina Green which will be the site of a classic car show including art



exhibits and a variety of vendors. Then at 9 p.m., you will need to shift your eyes to the Carnival Cruise dock for a fabulous fireworks extravaganza. For additional information on the 4th of July activities, contact the Office of Special Events and Filming at (562) 570-5333.

Port Channel Enforcement Increased

The Coast Guard has announced it will step up enforcement of small vessel navigation rules, in light of recent near-misses in and around the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The Coast Guard reported that these near-misses were the direct result of dangerous maneuvers by small craft impeding the movement of large commercial vessels.

Incidents have included small craft impeding port channels, cutting through Pilot Operating Areas and cutting across the path of large oceangoing shipping vessels.

All are violation of federal regulations – and all of these infractions could have resulted in major accidents, injuries and port security breaches.

Boaters are being asked to use extra care when transiting in port channels. Pilot Operating Areas (shown on NOAA charts as purple trapezoids extending seaward from each gate) and the entire Precautionary Area – a convergence zone for the two major shipping lanes in the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach area, extending about 7 miles from the federal breakwater.

LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL BAND

The Long Beach Municipal Band, celebrating its 100th year, is one of the most distinguished and professional Municipal Bands in the United States. The player personnel in this wonderful ensemble include the best of the Southern California's symphony, studio recording and jazz performers. This diversity of talent provides Long Beach audiences with impressive concerts of jazz, movie, musical and light classical literature. The Band also combines with talented guest vocalists weekly to guarantee that your family's summer evening in the park will be the highlight of the week.



We hope you and your family will join us in our musical expedition as performed by one of the nation's great cultural treasures - The Long Beach Municipal Band. On Thursday evenings from July 2nd through August 13th, from 6 to 8 p.m., the Long Beach Municipal Band will be performing at Marine Stadium.

Unique to other locations, Marine Stadium allows you to listen to the band while either floating on your boat or sitting in the park. On Thursday evenings the waterways at Marine Stadium will be reduced to 5mph at 5:30 p.m. so vessels of any size can come in, anchor and enjoy the music!

